

## Two Fliers Killed On 'Last' Trip

**Andrews University Plane  
Crashes In Field Near  
Berrien Springs**

BY LYLE SUMERIK  
South Berrien Bureau

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The owner of a Berrien Springs construction firm and his flight instructor from Andrews university airport were killed Sunday when their single engine plane crashed in a field about 2½ miles south of here.

The flight presumably was to have been the final one in the course for the student pilot and the final one for the instructor before he left the university for a job in Canada.

Berrien sheriff's deputies identified the dead as Robert J. Leach, 23, of 532 North Main street, Berrien Springs, owner of Robert Leach Construction company, and Darrell Dicken, 24, of Kerton court.

Mel Krause, flight director at the airport, said Leach apparently was piloting the plane when it crashed. He said the men were on a training flight and were due back at the airport about 4 p.m., minutes before the crash. The airport is about 3 miles northwest of the crash scene.

Krause said Leach was completing the final phase of instruction toward his private pilot's license under the university's flight credit program and had 55 hours flying the plane. He expected to complete his training this week-end.

Leach had been operating the construction firm for about three years and had worked primarily in the residential building field.

For Dicken, Leach was to be his final student at Andrews university, Krause said. He had accepted a job as manager and flight director at an airport in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada.

Berrien deputies said the Cessna 150 training plane crashed in a field at the Country Hideaway snowmobile resort, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Foster, on Range Line road, one half mile south of Long Lake road in Berrien township.

The deputies said the plane apparently nosed into the ground and flipped over with the nose section becoming twisted beneath the cockpit.

The officers said the plane apparently did not hit either power lines or a 125 foot tower nearby.

Niles township firemen had to pry the cockpit apart to reach the bodies. Both were reported to have massive head and internal injuries.

Authorities said the bodies were taken to Memorial hospital, St. Joseph, where autopsies were to be performed.

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## Ludington Family Of 3 Killed

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
A Ludington family of three died Sunday night in a head-on auto crash on U.S. 31 near Hart in Oceana County, pushing Michigan's weekend traffic death toll to 15.

State Police identified the victims as Donald Young, 48; his wife, Ruth, 47, and their 16-year-old daughter, Suellen.

The Associated Press tabulation of weekend traffic deaths runs from 6 p.m. Friday until midnight Sunday.

### Condemned

WINDSOR, Ont. (AP) — The Canadian council of the United Auto Workers union has condemned President Nixon as a "20th century barbarian" because of the recent United States bombing of North Vietnam.

Hairpieces for men-Temple Barbers. 983-6340. Adv.

## Game 'Great' But Nixon's Team Lost

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — President Nixon says the Super Bowl was great, even though his favorite team lost.

"That was a fine game," Nixon was quoted as saying Sunday after Miami won the world professional football championship with a 14-7 victory over the Washington Redskins.

"The people of Washington and the people of Miami can both be proud of their teams," Nixon said. "They played well."

The chief executive watched the game on television with his close friend and neighbor, C. G. "Bebe" Rebozo, a Key Biscayne banker. The two had driven to Rebozo's second home at Key Largo to watch it. Afterward, Nixon returned to his home here.

Aides said Nixon was expected to telephone the coaches of both teams today.

(Complete coverage of game in sports section.)



TWISTED WRECKAGE: Two Berrien Springs men were killed Sunday afternoon when this single engine

plane crashed in a field south of Berrien Springs, while on training flight. Both men were pinned in twisted

wreckage. (Charles Brooks photo)



EMERGENCY WORKERS: Niles township firemen used emergency rescue equipment to pry

crushed cockpit of an Andrews university plane apart following Sunday's crash. (Staff photo)



CRASH WITNESS: Tim Lowry, 10, Argos, Ind., tells his father, John, how he saw an Andrews university training plane "sliding in over high tension wires" just before it crashed. (Staff photo)

## Nixon Curtails Bomber Flights Into North Viet

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon has ordered a further curtailment of the bombing of North Vietnam as a sign of good will and sent Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., the Army's new vice chief of staff to Saigon to talk with President Nguyen Van Thieu.

Meanwhile in Saigon, an official South Vietnamese source said Haig is bringing a revised draft peace agreement.

And a leading newspaper quoted an unnamed source as saying a cease-fire might occur before Feb. 3, the Tet new year.

The U.S. Command in Saigon would not say, however, whether Nixon had ordered a full bombing halt over all of North Vietnam, a reduction in the number of raids or a limitation in the areas that may be attacked. Nor would they say if the new orders had gone into effect.

The sources said an announcement about this was expected soon from Washington.

The U.S. Command said it had no comment on the report but referred newsmen to its daily communiqué.

The communiqué reported

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highest per capita rate among the nation's cities with more than one million residents.

A public hearing to air complaints about raids during the manhunt drew a predominantly black crowd of more than 1,000 last week. And, Police Commissioner John

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Newsmen Feel  
Pulse Of City  
After Manhunt

EDITOR'S NOTE: During the weekend, a team of Associated Press reporters were sent across Detroit to interview both blacks and whites on their feelings about the police manhunt for three blacks wanted in the connection of a December police slaying, and to find out what effect alleged police raids on private homes would have on the city. Following is their report.



ROMAN GRIBBS  
Detroit Mayor  
In Middle



HAYARD BROWN  
Accused Of  
Killing Policeman

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

# Controls Revert To Jawboning

President Nixon who lately has demonstrated a flair for doing the unexpected pulled another rabbit from the hat last week.

He diluted the concept of rigid legal guide lines to control inflation in favor of voluntary compliance in the wage-price growth rate under the White House's eye.

The outright controls under Phase II are retained on food processing, health service and the construction industry.

The latter two have been greatly responsible for the devastating six per cent inflation growth rate which Nixon finally started to box in 18 months ago under Phase I. Holding the lid on food processors apparently regards that industry as the valve to clamp down on costs for raw material and its handling prior to the final processing stage in the plant.

Otherwise, Phase III applies to the balance of the economy in the form of a superintended voluntary compliance.

The stock market gushed up 15 points when the announcement was made on Thursday.

It tumbled backward more than 12 points as the traders began to ponder what Phase III may be all about.

The \$64 question is whether voluntary compliance between labor and industry can achieve Nixon's goal of a 2½ per cent annual inflationary rise whereas Phase II's relatively rigid standards were needed to reduce it to a 3 per cent rate in 1971 and 1972.

George Meany, the AFL-CIO's crusty boss, and most industry leaders say amen to Nixon's move.

Most of Congress' Democrats and a long string of economists say no. The politically inspired Democrats claim prices will jump faster than wages but that the whole spiraling effect of LB's guns and butter approach will take on new life.

The argument can only be settled by experience under Phase III, but it is interesting to note that those on both sides of the fence who were clamoring the loudest about Phase II not working are foretelling outright failure for Phase III.

As we read the fine print in Nixon's

executive order, the principal difference between Phase II and Phase III is the timing factor.

Phase III retains Phase II's limitations on wages and prices, with minor modifications as to pricing, but reverses the enforcement procedure.

Phase II required the Pay Board or the Price Commission to give prior approval to any increases outside the published guide lines.

Phase III consolidates that function under a Cost of Living Council which is to be the watch dog on industry and labor voluntarily keeping themselves within the Phase II guide lines. The Council is given a beefed up authority to pull back any stray who gets away from the corral.

Essentially the guide lines' enforcement has changed from before the fact to after the fact.

It is analogous to filing an income tax return knowing that at some later date the IRS may request the presence of the taxpayer and his records for a friendly little checkup.

That deterrent's threat probably keeps most of us from unduly fudging the Form 1040, but unquestionably a lot of questionable items slide past the IRS.

There is the danger in Phase III becoming a situation of locking the barn after the horse has been stolen which raises the question as to why Nixon is taking the gamble.

Three guesses to come to mind by way of an answer.

One is his philosophical quarrel with government sticking its nose into the marketplace any more than absolutely necessary.

Secondly, Phase III can keep the White House from the uncomfortable position of having to arbitrate some major labor contracts coming up soon, steel, rails and trucking, automobiles, to mention a few.

Finally, the statutory authority for Phases I, II and III expires April 30th.

Nixon is asking Congress to extend that power for another 12 months.

Conceivably he regards Phase III as a lever in dealing with an opposition which already has demonstrated itself to be more vociferous than loyal.

# Perry Mason Finally

## Loses A Case

It's an old saying within the legal profession that a lawyer handling his own case has a fool for a client.

The adage is sound because any lawyer worth his salt has the detachment to weigh the strength and weakness of his client's position, and proceed accordingly. The client normally is so upright about the inherent justice of his situation that he can't see straight.

When the barrister tries to play the dual role, he's upended from the outset.

Years ago Earle Stanley Gardner penned a series of books in which Perry Mason played the hero lawyer who never failed to wiggle his way successfully through what appeared to be unassailable booby traps in the law.

Raymond Burr, a solid film actor, popularized the series even more in a TV series first shown in the late '50s and early '60s. The series has proven so durable it is now in the stage of rerunning the reruns. Burr in the meanwhile has shed the Perry Mason role for the live acting of Ironsides, the chairwheel cop, who never fails to get his man.

A real life tilt with the law unhorsed the

redoubtable Burr.

Acting as his own attorney, he brought suit against Donald E. Leon and some other West Coast lawyers for \$95,000. Burr charged they gave him some bum advice on a land deal which culminated in a default judgment and other entanglements being taken against him.

Last week the trial judge threw the case out of court.

It seems he waited five years before filing the suit.

This was sufficiently long to outlaw the claim under California's jurisprudence.

The moral is plain. If you think you have a claim under the law, don't write to Ann Landers or fish around with it as a do it yourselfer. Get a lawyer.

# Too Much Speed?

In the long history of vehicular recalls and studies, there has never been one quite like the study conducted by Calspan Corp. of Buffalo, N. Y. The vehicle it tested for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare was found to provide an "unstable performance, particularly rollover while turning."

Further, it is too heavy because seats are too high in relation to the width of the rear axle, steering angles are excessive, the speed capability of the vehicle is too great and it has an unnecessary rear step.

Rear step? Of course, it's a tricycle. HEW's Bureau of Product Safety is working on mandatory design and performance standards for the popular three-wheelers which should be in effect by September.

Thousands of children are injured each year as a result of accidents involving tricycles. HEW is not saying what standards it intends to adopt, but if 1974 tricycle models come equipped with seat belts, roll bars, air bags and hand brakes, the toddler set will have a ball.

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# Not Talking



# GLANCING BACKWARDS

### BANK PLANS SCOTTDALE OPENING

— 1 Year Ago —

Peoples State bank of St. Joseph will celebrate the opening of its new Scottdale branch this coming weekend.

The branch bank is on Miners road, just north of the M-139 and US-33 intersection at Scottdale, south of St. Joseph.

It is the first bank in the growing Scottdale residential area. The Scottdale branch will provide complete banking service — safe deposit boxes, savings accounts, checking account service, installment loans. Drive-up patrons will have the convenience of sheltered all-weather banking through visual auto teller system.

### AIRPORT BEING BUILT NEAR NEW BUFFALO

— 10 Years Ago —

Paul Oselka, owner of Oselka Construction and Snug Harbor Marina has started construction of a new airport situated approximately midway between New Buffalo and Three Oaks.

The airport, which is expected to be ready for use by mid-summer, will have a 3,500-foot east-west runway and hanger space for about 30 planes in the beginning. Later, a north-south runway and additional hanger space will be added. Oselka said.

Committee sources said

three Democrats and four Republicans combined to defeat the federal ballot proposal, 7 to 5, a modified form of the senate-approved measure tossing the soldier vote problem over to the states.

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TO OPEN SOON

— 39 Years Ago —

The state's liquor store in the twin cities will probably be open for business in a few days. Alvin Knaak, manager, today said he had been informed of the opening by Sen. Leon Case of Watervliet.

### ELECT OFFICERS

— 49 Years Ago —

Students of the St. Joseph high school have elected the following officers for the Crescent society: Arnold Ludwig, president; Leo West, vice president; Dorothea Powers, secretary; Ben Luckner, treasurer; and Virginia Willia and Marjorie Baker, marshalls.

### TO REMAIN HERE

— 59 Years Ago —

The United States light house supply depot will remain in St. Joseph. This is the word brought back to St. Joseph from Washington, D.C., by J. M. Ball and county treasurer Frank N. Wilkinson, official representatives of the municipality, to determine at the fountain head of authority the future plans in regard to the service on Lake Michigan.

### ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

— 81 Years Ago —

At the residence of Mrs. Mina Church on Napier avenue a number of her young friends were entertained. A number of vocal and instrumental solos were enjoyed.

### BERRY'S WORLD

This letter may not get any satisfactory results, but it should shake up the politicians to some degree; at least, I hope so. It's time they realized that the people are tired of being taxed to death!

Ms. Irene Milerko  
Drake's Subdivision  
Van Auken Lake  
Hartford

# Indian Selected By Democrats

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) —

Democrats have selected an Indian, Emil Notti, to run for the congressional seat that was held by Nick Begich, presumed dead in a plane crash.

You also do not assess trailer homes as they should be, so it is no wonder that the school tax is so high. Why should this burden fall on people who prefer a more permanent type structure. It is not surprising that people vote down school bond issues. Could it be that they feel the system is discriminatory, to say the least. If so, perhaps that is the

# Ray Cromley



# Japan's Output Up 10% A Year

WASHINGTON (NEA) — If President Nixon wants to meet foreign competition at home,

sell more abroad, achieve a favorable trade balance, raise national income and cut employment, there's one key Japanese statistic he should study most carefully.

In Japan, national productivity in real terms has gone up an average 10 per cent a year for the past decade.

In the decade, wages in Japanese factories have improved 15.2 per cent a year — well over two times the advance in American wages during that period.

Thus, however low Japanese factory worker earnings were in the early 1960s, they have been growing steadily less competitive. Cheap labor is not the key to Japanese gains.

A number of studies now suggest the rapid growth in Japanese productivity is due to five programs:

— A heavy import of scientific and technical knowledge from all over the world.

— A first-class series of laboratories which adapt these U.S. and other foreign technical discoveries to Japanese industry.

One elemental fact remains. The Japanese are perhaps making more thorough use of science and technology at a more rapid pace of late than perhaps any other country in the world. The United States could profit by that example.

### Marianne Meeks



# Richard Nixon: Spirit Of '76

WASHINGTON (KFS) — The theme of President Nixon's Inaugural parade next Saturday will be "The Spirit of '76."

Technically, that is appropriate. The end of Nixon's new term will coincide with the end of the second century of American independence.

But it is inappropriate that Nixon should be the President to use it, for the area in which he has demonstrated the least sensitivity is that of civil liberties and individual freedom.

The Nixon Administration does not reflect the spirit that drove the Founding Fathers to declare this a free land.

He has presided over the most repressive and secretive government in memory, even though he campaigned four years ago with a promise to run an open administration. He is preparing a State of the Union message in which he will retreat from a myriad of humane and compassionate programs designed to give a better shake to the less fortunate.

He is whittling away at the independence of the press, with tactics that range from simple harassment over Inaugural

His approach to governing has been as oblivious to public opinion as that of King George. He bombs when he pleases and refuses to explain it to the people. He won't talk to the press and won't let his press secretary say much either.

He is trying to invade the traditional Congressional prerogative of control of the Federal pursestrings. He has just consolidated his personal control over the Administration to muzzle his Cabinet officers and reduce both Congressional and media access to information.

# Queen, Prince To Make Visit

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip reportedly will visit the parents of Mark Phillips, the cavalry officer romantically linked with Princess Anne.

The Sun newspaper reported today that the royal couple probably will call at the Phillips' 16th century country home at Great Somerford in southwest England when they visit the Royal Air Force base at nearby Lyneham on June 15.

MODERATOR  
ARCADIA, Calif. (AP) — Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, former general secretary of the World Council of Churches, has been nominated moderator of the three-million-member United Presbyterian Church.

*"Is our species more endangered than their species?"*



# THE HERALD-PRESS

Twin City  
Highlights

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1973

## Juvenile Arrests Increase In BH; Other Crime Down

*Armed Robbery Is Continuing  
To Be Serious Problem*

BY JIM SHANAHAN  
BH City Editor

Will Berrien county's new juvenile detention center be obsolete before it is built?

Benton Harbor police last year made 548 juvenile arrests. These were boys and girls 16 and under, accused of virtually every crime except murder and espionage.

Berrien county's \$1 million juvenile detention and rehabilitation center at Berrien Center will have 41 beds.

The obvious disparity between juvenile arrests and detention home capacity can be partially explained:

The 548 arrests do not constitute that many individuals. A large number are repeaters, arrested several times during the year.

Berrien county is planning an expansion of rehabilitation and preventive services designed to keep juveniles from incarceration.

Detention is required for only a small minority of juvenile offenders, according to Joseph R. Rowan, executive director of the John Howard association, a correctional consulting firm.

The enormity of Benton Harbor's juvenile problem is contained in the year-end crime report submitted by Acting Police Chief Keith Mills and prepared by Lt. Meredith Rynearson.

While juvenile arrests increased 9 per cent, arrests in all criminal categories decreased 18 per cent to 2,492. Biggest single drop was 17 fewer arrests for drunkenness, continuing a trend of recent years.

Serious crimes remained virtually the same — 2,722 compared to 2,732 for 1971, a 10th of a per cent decrease.

Benton Harbor in 1971 had the third highest crime rate in the state, according to state police records. The 1972 statistics are not yet available for statewide comparison, but total crimes known to police here decreased by 520 to 6,522 because of a reduction in misdemeanors.

Biggest increase for serious crime in Benton Harbor in 1972 was 208 per cent in armed robbery — 71 reported to police compared to 23, the previous year. Mills noted that some of the armed robberies were purse snappings and street muggings where weapons were used.

which include purse snappings without weapons, dropped from 76 to 64.

Among other categories of serious crimes with totals in parenthesis:

—Murder 5 (2).  
—Forcible rape 16 (9).  
—Attempted rape 9 (6).  
—Assaults by gun 60 (69).  
—Assaults by knife 60 (61).  
—Assaults with other weapons 28 (28).  
—Forcible burglary 705 (633).  
—Attempted burglary 131 (88).  
—Larceny over \$50, 525 (634).  
—Larceny under \$50, 933 (988).  
—Auto theft 94 (102).

Among lesser crimes, Mills noted 175 arrests for driving under the influence of intoxicants — one less than 1971.

Mills said that is about five times the number for the average city the size of Benton Harbor. While Benton Harbor may have the worst pedestrian accident record in the state as reported at a safety meeting Thursday, there is a very high degree of enforcement, he observed.

Mills said the department operated with about 10 fewer sworn personnel the last half of the year than the first. This was caused by a reduction in

authorized strength from 51 to 48, plus vacancies from resignations not immediately filled by officers on patrol because new policemen are required to take up to 307 hours training before going on the beat.

### YOUTH'S PET

## St. Joe Boys Accused Of Killing Pet Dog

Two St. Joseph youths, ages 14 and 15, were to be petitioned to juvenile court after they allegedly shot and killed a dog owned by a 12-year-old Royalton township boy Saturday, according to Berrien sheriff's deputies.

Deputies Ron Krogstad and Larry Eichelberger said they received a call at 6:30 p.m. Saturday from Brian J. Clarke, of 4424 Laurel, Royalton township, stating his son's dog "Hippy", a cockapoo, had been missing.

Clarke's son, Greg, said he and some companions had been shoveling snow off of Yellow Creek about 2:15 p.m. when they heard a number of shots. All the boys said they did not see "Hippy" after the shots.

The officers said they investigated the report, and found blood and internal organs from a dog near the creek.

The boys who allegedly shot the dog were located, and one, who had been carrying a .22 rifle, said he saw something in the bushes and fired four or five times.

The boy's companion told officers his friend saw the dog and stated he was going to shoot it. After the dog had been hit, he put it out of its misery with a blast from his .20 gauge shotgun, he said.



WHAT TO DO WITH IT?: Mrs. Louis Hoffman, 1420 Niles avenue, St. Joseph, holds a small web-foot bird found apparently injured in the 2700 block of Niles avenue, Saturday. Mrs. Hoffman brought the bird home where it is content to sit under a table and will tolerate a certain amount of petting but will peck at the unwary. The bird seems to sense it is in safe hands even to investigation by the Hoffman's dog. Mrs. Hoffman planned to contact the Berrien County Humane Society or the Garrett Nature Center for assistance in getting the little creature back to its native habitat. The bird may be a grebe, a waterfowl related to loons. (Staff photo)

REGISTERED, TOO: A dog's pedigree, or lack of it, usually doesn't make much difference on the amount of affection he'll give his master. But for those who do value credentials, this Boston Bull is registered and up for adoption at the Berrien Humane society shelter, 641 South Crystal avenue, Benton township. He's two years old. (Staff photo)

## McKenzie Again Wins Presidency Of Local NAACP

Hershel McKenzie Sunday was re-elected to his second two-year term as president of the Twin Cities Area branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).



HERSHEL MCKENZIE

## Industrial Club Will Tour Center

The Berrien County Industrial club will tour Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's new service center in the Pipestone Industrial district as part of the club's meeting Wednesday.

Members will meet at Howard Johnson's, M-139 and I-94, at 6:30 p.m. for a social hour and dinner, followed by a tour of the I&M facility at 8.

### Bombs Exploded

ROME (AP) — Four bombs exploded in Milan and Rome before dawn today against Fascist targets. Police theorized they were planted by leftist extremists to protest the staging of a Neo-Fascist congress in Rome this week.

## Barber Shop Owner Is Victim

## \$1,600 Benton Robbery

The manager of a Benton Harbor barber shop reported to Benton township police early this morning that he had been robbed at gunpoint of a roll of cash totaling \$1,600.

Police identified the man as Ornaul Shurn, 44, of 156 South Fair avenue, manager of Shurn's barber salon of the same address.

Shurn told officers he had left the East End tavern, 995 East Main street, about 1:45 a.m. and was walking to his car, parked in a nearby alley.

He said a man came up behind him, hit him on the head with a revolver, and demanded money. After he gave the gunman the cash, the suspect fled on foot, according to police.

A witness told officers he saw a man approach Shurn with a gun.

Shurn said the robber was wearing a ski mask, and although police followed footprints in the fresh snow, no suspect was located.

Shurn said the roll of bills was in \$20's, \$10's and \$1's.



TRIBUTE TO DR. KING: Black Chorus from University of Illinois appeared at Benton Harbor high school last night for "Gospel Review" as part of two-day observance commemorating birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who would have been 44 today. Also on last night's program were two local groups, Sounds Unlimited and the Celestial

Choir. Today's program includes morning and afternoon assemblies featured by addresses by Mayor Charles F. Joseph. The public is invited at 6 this evening to the free showing of a documentary "King: A Film Record — Montgomery To Memphis" in the high school gymnasium. (Pete Mitchell photo)

## Benefit To Be Held For Leukemia Victim

The Martindale PTA has scheduled a benefit dance next Saturday to help defray medical expenses of 15-year-old Brenda Sturtevant of Benton Heights. Voluntary donations for the family program will be sought, said Mrs. Barbara Bahr, Martindale PTA president.

The dance will be held from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Martindale school gymnasium, Benton Heights, and has finished the ninth grade at Benton Harbor high school.

Brenda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Sturtevant, 2275 Laurel, Benton Heights, and has finished the ninth grade at Benton Harbor high school.

Mrs. Sturtevant said Brenda's illness was diagnosed

last month and she is being treated at University hospital, Ann Arbor. Mrs. Sturtevant said Brenda expects to enter the 10th grade next year.

Mrs. Bahr said that in addition to contributions received Saturday, money for Brenda's

care may be sent in care of her (Mrs. Bahr) Box 668-H, Route 4, Benton Harbor.

The PTA requests that children attending the dance be accompanied by adults. She said music will be provided by the Bill Saurier band.

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Area  
Highlights

## He Questions Community Action Programs



ORION H. FLOWERS  
Tri-County  
Head Start Director

### 'Negative Aspects Inherent,' Says Head Start Chief

The director of the Head Start program for Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties, on the eve of a public hearing dealing with formation of a Community Action Program (CAP) agency in Berrien county, questioned the need for such an agency.

Orion H. Flowers directed his remarks to the Berrien County board of commissioners.

The hearing called by the commission on creation of a CAP agency for the county was scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. today in the commissioners room on the third floor of the county courthouse in St. Joseph.

In making a decision, Flowers told the board it should "consider well not only the possible benefits to be derived from the formation of a CAP agency, but also the negative aspects unfortunately inherent in all CAP agencies."

He asked the board "what services can it provide on its own that aren't already being provided through other agencies?"

#### FIRST STEP

Purpose of a CAP agency, according to Victor Greer, county commissioner, would be to coordinate a plan to fight poverty in

the county. Berrien County Action, Inc., has asked that it be officially designated as the CAP agency by the county board as first step toward state and federal certification.

#### Text of Flowers' comments:

"It has come to my attention that as county commissioners you have been asked to consider the formation of a CAP agency for Berrien county. Although this will not affect the Head Start Program directly, as a tax-payer and concerned citizen, I feel that the time to speak out has come.

"Therefore, I have a question I want to ask you — Why a Berrien county CAP agency? What services can it provide on its own that aren't already being provided through other agencies? What assurances have the regional and state office of OEO (Office of Economic Opportunity) given you that this agency will not go the same route as the Detroit, Flint, and Tri-CAP agencies?

"Speaking for the Head Start program and the 200 or more program participants, we feel that the last OEO fiasco in the tri-county area was enough. It nearly destroyed a number of exceeding good programs such as Neighborhood Youth corps, family planning, legal services, and Head Start, through a combination of poor management, poor board, too much publicity of the wrong kind, and negligible to non-existent technical assistance from both regional and State OEO offices, when the agency was desperately in need of it. It has taken the Head start program two years to overcome the bad publicity, and to gain the respect and cooperation — not to mention the financial credibility — of the community.

"You, as county commissioners were very much involved in the 'saving' if you will, of the Head Start Program in the tri-county area, for which I would like to here extend the thanks and appreciation of the staff and participants of the program. No matter what vague relationship might or might not exist between OEO and OCD, it is undoubtedly true that the negative feelings toward CAP agencies in general still exists.

"It should also be taken into consideration that the attitude of the present administration toward OEO programs is negative. The President has stated that at the end of the Viet Nam war, he intends to introduce new social programs of his own, not related to the OEO programs.

#### OTHER OBSERVATIONS

"In addition to my own objections and reservations concerning CAP agencies, I would like to include various observations and comments made in a recent report on a study of CAP agencies, conducted by the Technical Management Improvement committee, chaired by E. G. Hamilton, director, systems programs, Oldsmobile division, General Motors, for the Michigan Office of Economic Opportunity:

"Our observations have led us to believe that a vocal minority often controls all activities of a given CAA. While we are not condemning those people who are interested and who do become informed on the issues, we feel that it permits the focus of the committee to be towards issues which may not necessarily reflect the entire needs of the area.

"There is definitely a lack of training both in the area of how to be a board member and in the area of the specific aims of the Community Action program. It is a lack of training in all aspects of OEO policy, procedures, guidelines, goals, board functions, member responsibilities, etc.

"Lack of understanding of the items being discussed may be due to a lack of introductory training of the board members as a whole.

"The majority of this report places the responsibility for operating inefficiencies on the shoulders of the board and staff. Perhaps equal responsibility should be borne by MEOO and regional office due to the overlap of control and the vagueness of direction received. It seems at times that the entire matrix of controls, authority assignments and responsibility points is

designed to mismanage rather than to encourage good management principles.

#### NEVER SURE

"In general, we found that the CAA's were never sure of their level of funding from year to year. Some operated a large part of the year without permanent funding, on a hand-to-mouth existence as it were.

"The inadequacy of this sort of funding shows up in several ways: Long range planning is practically non-existent when any plans for longer than a year are merely wishes. Staff morale is difficult to maintain. Recurring problems are immense. Programs are offered to the community on a short-term basis with no assurance that once they begin to rely upon them, they will indeed be continued.

"Another problem encountered is the mismatch between national OEO and local CAAs' program grants and funding levels. Contributing to this problem is the relative inflexibility of funding once a grant has been made for a specific purpose or the unavailability of funds for non-prime OEO goals even if the local CAA has bigger problems than in these areas."

"Although the above comments are quoted out of context, and the report was by no means completely derogatory toward CAP agencies, I feel that in making your decision concerning the formation of a Berrien county CAP agency, you should consider well not only possible benefits to be derived from the formation of a CAP agency, but also the negative aspects unfortunately inherent in all CAP agencies."



GETS DOCTORATE: Theodore Hatcher, assistant professor of mathematics at Andrews University, has been awarded a Ph.D. in applied math by the University of Minnesota. An Andrews graduate, Hatcher has served on the faculty there for six years.

## What's Bugging You?--Speaker May Have Answer



### Breakin Investigated

Prof. Arthur R. Miller, a member of the Harvard law school faculty and author of the widely-known book, "The Assault on Privacy: Computers, Data Banks, and Dossiers," will be the guest speaker next week before the Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan.

The dinner meeting will be at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at Ramada Inn, off M-139 near 1-94 south of Benton Harbor.

Atty. J.D. Hartwig, chairman of the club's speakers committee, who will introduce Miller, stated he "anticipates that business and professional men who are club members will be startled to learn how much private, personal, and confidential information about them has been entered in data banks..." These data banks are reported maintained by numerous departments of government, law enforcement agencies, credit bureaus, insurance companies, banks, department stores, educational institutions, newspapers, and, in fact, by anyone with enough money to buy the data stored in the computer.

The club stated that its members are being given the opportunity to test their knowledge of the extent to which computer technology is assisting in the invasion of privacy. The test is contained in meeting announcements, mailed to members.

Miller will be the 168th speaker to appear before the regional economic club. He has appeared to testify on his topic at the request of U.S. Senate sub-committee considering amendments to the Bank Secrecy act, governmental data banks, credit bureaus and individual privacy. He also has appeared on numerous radio and television programs.

Miller taught at the University of Michigan law school from 1965 to 1972, before joining the faculty at Harvard, his alma mater. At the U-M, Miller was named "Super Prof" in a poll conducted by a popular magazine.

John Runyan, club executive secretary, said mail reservations for the Jan. 15 meeting are now being accepted, and phone reservations will be accepted, starting next Monday.



SENTENCED: S. Sgt. Alan C. Cornell from the Michigan community of Highland Park, a Detroit suburb, waits handcuffed outside a Saigon courtroom, where a military court sentenced him Saturday to a year in prison after he pleaded guilty to attempting to murder his commanding officer.

Wood was westbound and Goodrich eastbound, deputies said.

Deputies said they are seeking a 1957 Chevrolet, jacked up in the rear, with large wide-oval tires.

No charges had been filed in connection with the accident this morning.

The death was the second traffic fatality reported this year in Allegan county.

## Van Buren 4-H Agent To Head National Group

PAW PAW — Edward A. Poole, Van Buren county 4-H agent, has been elected president of the National Association of Extension 4-H agents for 1973.

As president, Poole will represent the association at a number of national meetings throughout the year. A few include the Extension Committee on Policy and Organization, the national meetings of the extension home economists and the extension county directors, and the National 4-H Conference.

Poole has been a 4-H agent since 1959, after serving as a vocational agriculture instructor at Marcellus and Mt. Pleasant. He joined the Michigan State University Extension Service in 1959 and was assigned to 4-H positions in Isabella and Washburn counties before coming to his

present position in Van Buren in 1967.

He received the distinguished service award of the National Association of Extension 4-H agents in 1971.

Another Michigan 4-H agent, John Aylsworth of Clinton, Gratiot and Shiawassee counties, was elected treasurer of the national association.



EDWARD A. POOLE  
Heads U.S. 4-H Agents

## Farm Income Better Than 15 Years Ago

By PETE YOST

Associated Press Writer  
LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Farmers are closing the income gap between themselves and factory workers, a Michigan State University computerized record keeping service indicates.

Dr. John M. Ferris, MSU agricultural economist, says farm income was just over three-fourths of on farm income from 1969 through 71, while 15 years ago, farm income was only half of the nonfarm income.

Dr. Ferris bases his figures on incomes of the 1,250 farmers in Michigan participating in MSU's "Telfarm," a computerized record keeping service. "Telfarm" participants, says Dr. Ferris, do represent above average commercial farmers. "But they do give some indication of farm income trends."

The figure from 1969 through 1971: The "Telfarm" operators averaged about \$3.50 per hour for their labor and management after allowing them five per cent profit on their investment. Even though this is up considerably from the \$1 wage they were receiving 10 years ago, these returns to labor and management are modest.

Production workers in manufacturing in Michigan earned an average of \$4.25 per hour on

their labor during the same years.

A comparison of profit on investment with the nation's 1,000 largest corporations: The average return on stockholders' equity has been about nine per cent.

"Modest though this (the farm situation) may be, farmers are better off than they were 15 years ago when farm income was only half of the nonfarm income," Dr. Ferris says.

The "Telfarm" system, in operation since 1964, is an information center and advisory service that for about \$175 a year will provide a farmer with a financial summary of his own operations.

"There is much more sophistication among farmers now," said Ralph E. Hepp, an associate professor at MSU, who notes that "some farmers are going to certified public accounts ... they are seeing the need for professional help that CPAs can provide."

"Telfarm" and similar computer information systems for farmers are in operation in about 30 states, MSU officials say.

From nearly 10 years of data gathering, the "Telfarm" system indicates that farmers are catching up with their city cousins working in the factory in terms of income. "Telfarm" provides several

## Spring Semester Registration Begins January 23 At SMC

DOWAGIAC — Spring semester registration for Southwestern Michigan college will begin Jan. 23.

Evening class registration is set for 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 23-24, with registration for day classes Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 25, from 9 to 11 a.m.

New courses include small business management, supervised placement (for agriculture students), in-

roduction to the non-western world, introduction to journalism, and commercial art.

William Spencer, dean of arts and sciences, said the college also has room for more students in medical technology, public administration, pre-social work and pre-engineering. Openings also exist in applied science programs in drafting and industrial technology.

TROOPS CUT  
SAIGON (AP) — U.S. troop strength in Vietnam dropped 200 men to a total of 23,800 last week, the same level as in January 1965, the U.S. Command reported today.